Saint Hedwig Parish

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Liturgy

Weekend Masses
Saturday: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 10:00 am

Weekday Masses
Mon. Wed., Fri. 5:30 pm
Tues., Thurs. 9:00 am

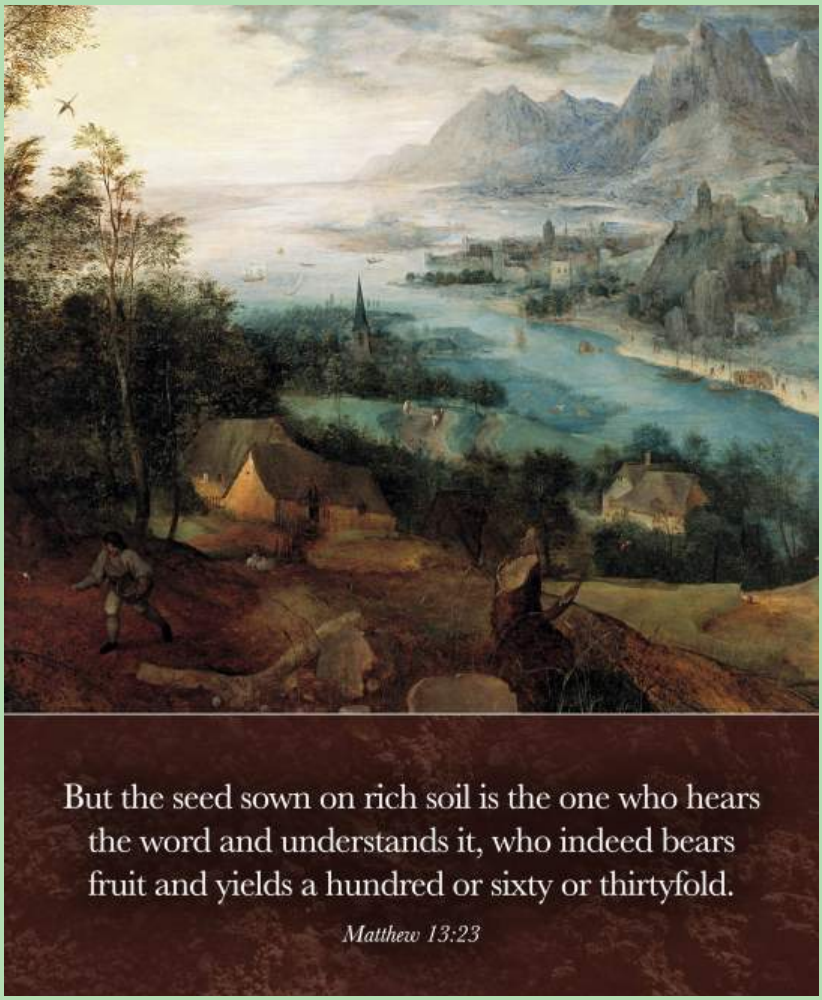
Holyday Masses:
As Announced

Sacrament of Penance

Fridays 4:00 pm. - 4:45 pm.
Saturday 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Eucharistic Devotion

After the morning Mass on Thursdays.



July 12, 2026 Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Saint Hedwig Parish Cemetery

71 Old Bedford Rd.
Bedford, New Hampshire

Please contact the parish office for all inquiries pertaining to the cemetery.

July 12, 2026

Parish Staff

Rev. Eric T. Delisle, KCHS
Pastor

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Sacraments

Baptism

Please contact the parish if you wish to have your child baptized. Baptisms are celebrated after the 10 am Mass on Sundays, except during the Lenten season.

Marriage

Marriages are booked six months in advance. Please contact the pastor to begin marriage preparation program.

Convent

Sr. Mary Thomas Lesniak, CSSF
Sr. Jacqueline Mary Kazanowski, CSSF

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Giving Back to God

Offertory: *We are very grateful to everyone who contributes to the weekly collection by the collection box or on-line. Your generous and steadfast support keeps our parish running.*

June 20 - 26 , 2026

Weekly Giving:	**$ 1,008.00**	
On-line Giving	**$ 55.00**	**Total: $ 1,063.00**

June 27 - July 3 , 2026

Weekly Giving:	**$ 1,304.00**	
On-line Giving	**$ 55.00**	**Total: $ 1,359.00**

Thank You **Dziękuje!**

Welcome!

Are you new to the parish?

We are glad you can worship with us at St. Hedwig Parish. Please register at the rectory or in the Sacristy after Mass. If you haven't already, please take a parish registration form at the entrance of the Church and fill it out. On the reverse side of the form, you can make a choice of joining any of the Parish Ministries available at St. Hedwig. When complete, please drop the form in the collection box or mail it to the parish office at:

147 Walnut Street, **Manchester, NH 03104**

A Note from Fr. Eric:

At the beginning of this year, I went for my annual physical. With that comes the usual bloodwork to monitor my thyroid and cholesterol. This time it showed a spike in my PSA numbers (Prostate Specific Antigen.) The numbers were high for a person my age. I was referred to a urologist here in town for further investigation. Just about a month ago, I had a biopsy done on my prostate. Twelve samples of my prostate were taken. The results showed that four of the samples tested positive for cancerous cells. I was certainly very concerned if not scared over what the results showed. The news of this is not that bad. The cancer cells are listed as Grade 1 (Gleeson 6), which is the lowest form of cancer, and the slowest in progression. I am also listed as a very low risk for progression. The doctor assured me that this is treatable and curable. I also have a very large window of time for treatment. There is no need for immediate action at this time. I am now doing what is called Active Surveillance, watching this for the time being. At the end of this coming October, I will have bloodwork done again to see what the PSA numbers will be. If they have increased, then I will decide what is next. It could be active treatment which might include a prostectomy. Radiation treatment would not be in my best interest at my age.

Over these last few weeks I have come to be at peace with myself and I am keeping a positive outlook. I have put all my faith, hope, and confidence in the goodness of God. I feel perfectly fine. I am not experiencing any pain or discomfort. I am still very capable of continuing my duties as your pastor. I certainly hope that God still needs me to be around for a long time that I may continue to be His priest. I feel deep in my heart, with prayer and faith, that I will get through this, and be restored in mind and body. I just ask kindly that you keep me in your prayers, as I pray for you and all those who are struggling through any kind of health concerns. We can pray for each other, calling upon the healing powers of Jesus, His Blessed Mother, and the saints who can intercede for us for the healing of mind, body, and soul. I have every intention of fighting this and winning, so that you may be stuck with me for a long time as your pastor.

With great sincerity and love, Fr. Eric

Summary of This Weekend's Readings

Reading I: Isaiah 55: 10-11
God's word is the instrument of His will. It never fails to achieve its purpose and always remains effective.

Reading II: Romans 8: 18-23
Paul wants his readers to know that even our heaviest sufferings in this life are far outweighed by the glory that awaits us as Christ's faithful followers.

The Gospel: Matthew 13: 1-23
Jesus' private instructions to His disciples, after proclaiming a parable to the crowd, reflects His intent to arrange His Church hierarchically. Yet our distractions can hinder our understanding of the Word and put obstacles to our best response.

Readings for the Week

Monday Is 1:10-17 Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 Mt 10:34—11:1

Tuesday Is 7:1-9 Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8 Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday Is 10:5-7, 13b-16 Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15 Mt 11:25-27

Thursday Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19 Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21 Mt 11:28-30

Friday Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8 Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16 Mt 12:1-8

Saturday Mi 2:1-5 Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14 Mt 12:14-21

Sunday Wis 12:13, 16-19 Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 Rom 8:26-27 Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

Saturday, July 11

4:00 pm. Lucien & Muriel Gagne
by Mrs. Simone Beliveau

Sunday, July 12

10:00 am. Stella Russell by St. Hedwig Ladies Guild

Monday, July 13

5:30 pm. Edward Swierz, 6th Anniv. by Wife & Children

Tuesday, July 14 St. Kateri Tekakwitha

9:00 am. Fred Ejdowski by Szulc Family

Wednesday, July 15 St. Bonaventure

5:30 pm. Elaine Perusse by Family

Thursday, July 16 Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

9:00 am. Bruce Johnson by Szulc Family

Friday, July 17

5:30 pm. Peace in the Ukraine & Israel

Saturday, July 18

4:00 pm. Elaine Perusse, 2nd. Anniv. by Nancy Dudziak

Raymond Hamel, Birthday Remembrance
by Susan Hamel & Family

Sunday, July 19

10:00 am. Emilian Turczyk by Daniela & Ken Cooper

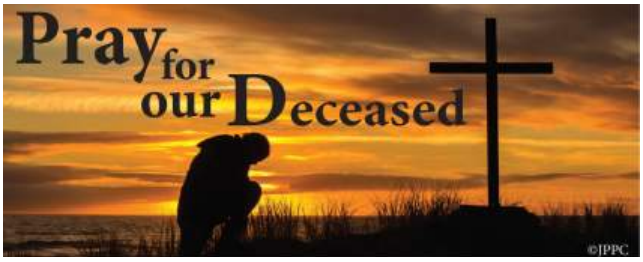
Sanctuary Candle:

Edward Swierz

Saint Hedwig Cemetery

71 Old Bedford Road
Bedford, New Hampshire

The time will come when we will need to plan for the day when God calls us home to Himself. After a life well lived, we hope to gain our place in the heavenly kingdom with God. We will also need our place of rest. Saint Hedwig Cemetery is a place of peace and beauty to bring our loved ones to their place of rest, and for ourselves as well. As a part of planning for the future, consider Saint Hedwig Cemetery. Call the parish office at 603-623-4835 for information and our very affordable prices. We will be glad to assist you.



Why Do We Pray For the Dead

Communion with the dead. "In full consciousness of this communion of the whole Mystical Body of Jesus Christ, the Church in its pilgrim members, from the very earliest dyas of the Christian religion, has honored with great respect the memory of the dead; and because it is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins, she offers her suffrages for them." Our prayer for them is capable of not only helping them, but also making their intercession fro us effective. (Catechism of the Catholic Church 985)

Reading 1: Isaiah 55:10-11

Thus says the LORD: Just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You have visited the land and watered it;
greatly have you enriched it.
God's watercourses are filled;
you have prepared the grain.
R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

Thus have you prepared the land: drenching its furrows,
breaking up its clods,
Softening it with showers,
blessing its yield.
R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You have crowned the year with your bounty,
and your paths overflow with a rich harvest;
The untilled meadows overflow with it,
and rejoicing clothes the hills.
R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

The fields are garmented with flocks
and the valleys blanketed with grain.
They shout and sing for joy.
R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

Reading 2: Romans 8:18-23

Brothers and sisters: I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God; for creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it, in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now; and not only that, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

Alleluia

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower.
All who come to him will have life forever.

Gospel:Matthew 13:1-23

On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood along the shore. And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit,a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear."

The disciples approached him and said, "Why do you speak to them in parables?" He said to them in reply, "Because knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted. To anyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. This is why I speak to them in parables, because they look but do not see and hear but do not listen or understand. Isaiah's prophecy is fulfilled in them, which says: You shall indeed hear but not understand, you shall indeed look but never see. Gross is the heart of this people, they will hardly hear with their ears, they have closed their eyes, lest they see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their hearts and be converted, and I heal them.

"But blessed are your eyes, because they see, and your ears, because they hear. Amen, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.

"Hear then the parable of the sower. The seed sown on the path is the one who hears the word of the kingdom without understanding it, and the evil one comes and steals away what was sown in his heart. The seed sown on rocky ground is the one who hears the word and receives it at once with joy. But he has no root and lasts only for a time. When some tribulation or persecution comes because of the word, he immediately falls away. The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit. But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold."

July Polish Mass
July 19, 2026
4:00 pm.
(Third Sunday of Every Month)
St. Hedwig Parish

Please pray for the sick and homebound of our parish:

Vera Gorski, Jacques Parent, Kathy Philbert

If you know of any other members of St. Hedwig's who are homebound and could be added to this list, please let Fr. Eric know or leave a message on the parish voice mail. Thank you.

A Prayer for the Sick of our Parish *May you be wrapped up in God's love found deep in His everlasting wings. Carried and kept, safe and cherished. May the healing power of Christ breath across your being now.*

Humor

"Please, Lord, just ONE fish?
One bite? A nibble?"

2026 New Hampshire Catholic Appeal

New Hampshire Catholic Appeal: We thank all who made their gift to the **New Hampshire Catholic Appeal: Future of our Faith II** this weekend. Your gift will enable the Catholic Church in New Hampshire to meet the increasing needs of parishes, our community, Catholic schools, retired clergy, seminarians, and much more. If you were not able to make your gift yet, please visit the website at www.catholicnh.org/nhca or bring your gift envelope that includes your donor ID and parish ID and drop it in the collection basket at Mass next weekend. ***We thank you for your generosity and for helping to reflect the love of Christ throughout our state! Our parish goal for this year is $12,188.00.***

So far we have contributed $5,955.00 towards our goal.

The Saint We Honor This Week:

St. Kateri Tekakwitha

Kateri is the first Native American saint in Church history. She was born in 1656 in the Mohawk village of Ossernenon, the daughter of the tribe chief and a mother who had converted to the Catholic faith. Tragedy struck Kateri's family at a young age when a smallpox epidemic ravaged the tribe, and both of her parents succumbed to the illness. Kateri was left orphaned and physically scarred, with her vision impaired.

Kateri was adopted by her uncle, who despised the Catholic faith because one of his daughters had converted. Kateri, however, had a deep love for Jesus from a young age. In this difficult spot, what could Kateri do?

Rather than running away, Kateri stayed in her tribal village, and spent her youth working with the Jesuits to take care of her neighbors who were succumbing to disease. She cared for the wounded after battles, and she buried the dead. In the midst of a society skeptical about Christianity, she lived her faith in small but bold moments of love and sacrifice.

When Kateri was 17, her adoptive parents tried to marry her off to a man in her village. She refused and told a visiting priest that she would like to officially convert to Catholicism. He began catechism classes with her, and two years later she was baptized into the Church, on Easter Sunday, 1676.

The rest of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha's short life was full of challenges, but she remained steadfast in her faith. Her commitment to bringing Jesus to her community, day by day, has inspired many people over the centuries since her death at age 24.

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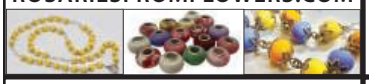

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